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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
(Total—333)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:26 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8502.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PENTAGON POLICY, STRATEGY, AND PLANS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving the Pentagon's development of policy, strategy, and plans, after receiving testimony from Michèle A. Flournoy, former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Center for a New American Security; Michael G. Vickers, former Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; and Commander Jeff Eggers, USN (Ret.), former Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, New America.

MAGNITUDE OF HUMAN IMPACT ON EARTH'S CLIMATE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting open inquiry in the debate over the magnitude of human impact on earth's climate, after receiving testimony from John R. Christy, University of Alabama in Huntsville Earth System Science Center, Huntsville; Judith A. Curry, Georgia Institute of Technology School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Atlanta; William Happer, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey; Mark Steyn, "A Disgrace to the Profession": *The World's Scientists—in Their Own Words—On Michael E Mann, His Hockey Stick, and Their Damage to Science, Volume One*, Woodsville, New Hampshire; and Rear Admiral David W. Titley, USN (Ret.), Pennsylvania State University Center for Solutions to Weather and Climate Risk, University Park.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTENNIAL ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2257, to prepare the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century of protecting our national parks' natural, historic, and cultural resources for present and future generations, after receiving testimony from Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Will Shafroth, National Park Foundation, Derrick Crandall, National Park Hospitality Association, and Theresa Pierno, National Parks Conservation Association, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 189, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 25th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia;

S. Res. 326, celebrating the 135th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Romania;

S. Res. 320, congratulating the people of Burma on their commitment to peaceful elections, with amendments; and

The nominations of Catherine Ebert-Gray, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, John D. Feeley, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, Linda Swartz Taglialatela, of New York, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Todd C. Chapman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, Jean Elizabeth Manes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, G. Kathleen Hill, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Eric Seth Rubin, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Kyle R. Scott, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, David McKean, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State, and Carlos J. Torres, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps.

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Millennium Challenge Corporation, focusing on lessons learned after a decade and outlook for the future, after receiving testimony from Dana J. Hyde, Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation; Jim Kolbe, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, and Nancy Birdsall, Center for Global Development, both of Washington, D.C.; and Andrew S. Natsios, Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs and Texas A&M University George H. W. Bush School of Government and Public Service, College Station.

OPIOID ABUSE IN AMERICA

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine opioid abuse in America, focusing on facing the epidemic and examining solutions, after receiving testimony from Leana Wen, Baltimore City Health Commissioner, Baltimore, Maryland; Robert J. Valuck, University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and

Pharmaceutical Science, Aurora; and Eric Spofford, The Granite House, Derry, New Hampshire.

AB INBEV/SABMILLER MERGER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the AB InBev/SABMiller merger and the state of competition in the beer industry, after receiving testimony from Carlos Brito, AB InBev, Greenwich, Connecticut; Bob Pease, Brewers Association, and Diana L. Moss, American Antitrust Institute, both of Boulder, Colorado; Craig Purser, National Beer Wholesalers Association, Alexandria, Virginia; J. Wilson, Iowa Brewers Guild, Prescott; and Mark Hunter, Molson Coors, Denver, Colorado.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 4185–4193; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 555, 557, 558 were introduced. **Page H9079**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9080–81**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3578, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to strengthen and make improvements to the Directorate of Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–372);

H.R. 974, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to promulgate regulations to allow the use of hand-propelled vessels on certain rivers and streams that flow in and through certain Federal lands in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–373);

H.R. 1452, to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance (H. Rept. 114–374); and H. Res. 556, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2130) to provide legal cer-

tainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 114–375). **Pages H9078–79**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jolly to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9027**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H9032**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Buchanan wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Budget. **Page H9032**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 555, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H9032**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Thompson (CA) motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote with none voting “yea” and 399 voting “nay”, Roll No. 674. **Pages H9036–37**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Kildee motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote with none voting “yea”, 405 voting “nay”, and 2 answering “present”, Roll No. 675. **Pages H9040–41**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Swalwell (CA) motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 3 yeas